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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION
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MARIA PUMA,

Plaintiff,

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NOTICE OF

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AJ GOLDSTEIN & CO., ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, ALAN L. MERRIL, AMBIENT GROUP, INC., ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, BANKERS TRUST CORP., BANKERS TRUST NEW YORK CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BETTY JEAN GRANOUIST, BFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CO., LLC., **BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC** CATASTOPHE, INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., BT PRIVATE CLIENTS CORP., CAROL GAYNOR TRUST, CAROL GAYNOR, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CAROL GAYNOR TRUST, CAROL MERRIL GAYNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST CORPORATION, ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., FGP 90 WEST STREET INC., FRED GOLDSTEIN, GENERAL RE SERVICES CORP., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.,

HARLAND GAYNOR, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A DECLARATION OF TRUST, HAROLD G. GOLDSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A DECLARATION OF TRUST, HERMAN L. BLUM, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LOUIS W. GOLDSTEIN, HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., IDELL GOLDSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER DECLARATION OF TRUST, INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., JONES LANG LASALLE AMERICAS, INC., JONES LANG LASALLE SERVICES, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., KIBEL COMPANIES, MARGARET G. WATERS, MARGUERITE K. LEWIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LOUIS W. GOLDSTEIN, MATTHEW A. GELBIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GELBIN FAMILY, MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC., NATALIE S. LEBOW, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JEREMIAH PHILIP LEBOW REVOCABLE TRUST, NATALIE S. LEBOW, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JERRY P. LEBOW FAMILY TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC., NEW LIBERTY PLAZA LP, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, PAMELA BETH KLEIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PAMELA AND ROWAN KLEIN TRUST, ROWAN K. KLEIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PAMELA AND ROWAN KLEIN TRUST, RUTH G. LEBOW, SHIRLEY G. SHOCKLEY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER DECLARATION OF TRUST, STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., SYLVIA R. GOLDSTEIN, THAMES REALTY CO, THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY NA, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CONDOMINIUM (CONDO #1178), THE ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CONDOMINIUM (CONDO #1178), TISHMAN INTERIORS CORPORATION, TOSCORP INC.. TRIBECA LANDING L.L.C., TUCKER ANTHONY, INC., TULLY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., TULLY INDUSTRIES, INC., WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC.,

WFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CO., L.P., WFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, CO. GP, CORP., WFP TOWER A CO., WFP TOWER A CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER A. CO., L.P., WFP TOWER B CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP, WFP TOWER B. CO., L.P., WFP TOWER D CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER D HOLDING CO. I L.P., WFP TOWER D HOLDING CO. II L.P., WFP TOWER D, ET AL.,

Defendants.	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the abovereferenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and

disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York December 12, 2007

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